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SUBJ: POSSIBILITY NIGERIAN TROOP CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF

REF: LAGOS 1064; USUN 411 (NOTAL)

1. WE ASSUME EMB LAGOS AWARE THAT THERE NO CURRENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO UNEF AND THAT THERE IS IN FACT SOME CONCERN RE PRESENT SIZE OF TROOP CONTRIBUTOR UNITS. SHOULD ENLARGEMENT OF UNEF BECOME NECESSARY AT LATER STAGE, SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT SYG'S NEXT CHOICE WOULD BE LIBERIA--MAINLY BECAUSE OF CONSTANT IMPORTUNING OF LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT. ASIANS AND LATINS, WHO NOW HAVE TWO CONTINGENTS EACH TO AFRICANS' THREE, MIGHT OBJECT TO NEXT CONTINGENT COMING FROM AFRICA. IN THAT CASE, DECISION ON AFRICAN CONTRIBUTOR WOULD BE PUT OFF, BUT LIBERIA WOULD STILL BE SYG'S FIRST CHOICE IF AND WHEN TIME CAME FOR PICKING ANOTHER AFRICAN CONTINGENT. (PRESSURE MAY ALSO DEVELOP AMONG EAST AFRICANS AND FRANCOPHONE WEST AFRICANS FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS, BUT THIS WOULD OF COURSE NOT SERVE NIGERIA'S INTEREST EITHER).

2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IF NIGERIANS CONTINUE EXPRESS INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TROOPS.
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